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## TA-LIEN--LU-SHUN EXPORTS EXCEED IMPORTS

Since the liberation of the Lu-shun (Port Arthur) -- Ta-lien area, industrial medication has been restored and expanded, and imports and exports have increased. Foreign trade has been controlled so that import and export transactions are made according to needs, and also to ensure that imports may not be greater than exports.

Index figures, showing average monthly values of the import-export trade for 1946 - 1949, are as follows:

Year	Index Figure
1946 1947 1948	100 426
	1,434 21.919 (months

Percentage comparison of the value of imports and exports may be seen in the following table:

Year	Imports (in %)	Exports (in %)		
1946	78	22		
1947	70.25	29•75		
1948	56.76	43•24		
1949 (det 6	months)45.91	54•09		

Commodities imported during the past 32 years have consisted chiefly of raw materials, industrial equipment, industrial oil, fuel, pharmaceuticals, fertilizers, and food. Of these, food imports have amounted to 53.13 percent of the total. Commodities which have been exported include such industrial and ldcal products as cotton textiles (55.8 percent of the total); chemicals, eyes

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and paints (10.29 percent); marine projucts (7.39 percent); ceramics and glass (6.29 percent); oils, fats, waxes, and soap (5.28 percent); and metals and

Prior to 1948, the harbors in the Lu-shun-Ta-lien area were blockeded by the KMT. The only trade activities possible were with North Korea and North Manchuria. In addition, industrial and farm production in this area had not yet recovered and it became increasingly important to import food for the people. In 1948 factories were restored and agriculture developed on a large scale. This year, in 1949, as a result of industrial development, exports have exceeded imports.

Ta-lien is the focal point for collection and distribution of products of the Mortheast. Prior to the surrender of the Japanese, Ta-lien harbor had the facilities to load and unload, 12 million cons annually and the ability to accomposate 40 medium-size vessels at one time, with loading and unloading space. Ships with a displacement of 20,000 tons were able to anchor in the harbor.

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